GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2441
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
SPECIAL AREA GAME SCHEME
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Special Area Games Scheme (SAGS) introduced during 1987-88 has not achieved the desired results;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the number of people trained under the said scheme so far;

(e) whether the funds allocated to States under the scheme has not been utilised properly;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

However, the scheme has been reviewed from time to time with a view to make it more effective. Recently, while formulating the 10th Five Year Plan, it has been proposed to provide boarding and lodging facilities to the trainees for 330 days against the present 300 days from the next financial year. The diet charges of the trainees have also been increased keeping in view the calorie requirement. The trainees are now given the option of joining the centre either on residential or non-residential basis.

(d) The number of trainees trained under the Special Area Games Scheme (SAGS) is enclosed at annexure-I.

(e) to (g): Under the SAG scheme funds are not allocated to the states but are given directly to Regional Centres of Sports Authority of India (SAI) for running the SAG Centres in the region.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2441 FOR 19.3.20(REGARDING SPECIAL AREA GAME SCHEME.

YEARWISE NUMBER OF TRAINEES WHO WERE PROVIDED TRAINING UNDER THE SPECIAL AREA GAMES SCHEME (SAGS) OF SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA.

Year	No. of Centres	No. of trainees
1986-87	1	69
1987-88	4	101
1988-89	10	246
1989-90	10	280
1990-91	10	305
1991-92	11	448
1992-93	11	394
1993-94	13	404
1994-95	13	430
1995-96	8	301
1996-97	8	329

1997-98	9	307
1998-99	9	311
1999-2000	8	565
2000-2001	16	1048
2001-2002	16	968